

# CRESTMOOR CANYON WILDFIRE MITIGATION PROJECT

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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### Objective



- Receive information on the proposed Crestmoor Canyon Wildfire Mitigation Project
- Adopt resolution authorizing the Crestmoor Canyon Wildfire Mitigation Project in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Capital Improvement Program Budget
- Appropriate \$125,000 from the Emergency Disaster Reserve Fund to initiate project planning and environmental clearance processes

### **Agenda**



- Background on the Crestmoor Canyon
- II. Recent Actions Taken to Mitigate and Address
- III. PG&E Community Service Hours
- IV. Request to District Judge William Alsup
- V. Action by City Council
- VI. Questions

## Crestmoor Canyon





# Background on the Crestmoor Canyon



- Large open space area totaling 76.6 acres
- Wooded, containing some native species (Monterey pine, California live oak, etc.) mostly non-native eucalyptus trees
- Close proximity to several regional and arterial roadways
  - Sneath Lane to the north
  - State Route 35 (Skyline Blvd.) to the west
  - San Bruno Avenue to the south
  - US 280 to the east
- Surrounded by Crestmoor and Rollingwood residential subdivisions
  - Approximately 321 homes
- Within a quarter mile to the west of the Canyon are 1,200 acres of open space (Sweeney Ridge), which is identified as a State Response Area with a high risk of fire

# Crestmoor Canyon





### Recent Actions Taken to Mitigate and Address



#### FY 2018-19:

- Received \$15,000 California Fire Foundation grant for brush clearing and improved access to the Canyon's fire road
- Applied for <u>but was not awarded</u> a \$200,000 CalFire Climate Investments
   Fire Prevention grant for hazard vegetation clearing and wildfire mitigation
   in the Canyon

### January 2019:

 City Council approved \$37,000 for a City-wide Wildfire Hazard and Risk Assessment to identify the level of fire risk and potential fire hazards throughout the City, and to develop an on-going mitigation work plan based on reviewing parcel density, road system complexity, distance to fire stations, and other environmental elements

### FY 2019-20:

 City Council approved \$75,000 for vegetation management and fire mitigation work in Crestmoor Canyon

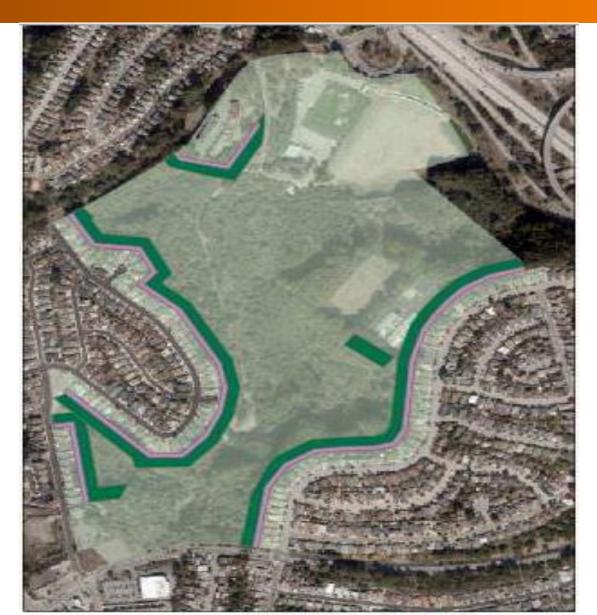
### Recent Actions Taken to Mitigate and Address



- FY 2019-20...
  - Work to establish a Crestmoor Canyon Wildfire Mitigation Project
  - Developed map reflecting 30' and 100' clearance parameters for creating defensible space
  - Obtaining preliminary cost estimates from CalFire and contractors
  - Devising a schedule once the scope of work has been more clearly defined based on the cost estimates
  - Developing an estimate for ongoing maintenance of the Canyon and creating budget strategies for annual funding

### Crestmoor Canyon Defensible Space





#### **Distance from Buildings**

30' 225285 Sq Ft 5.17 acres 100' 590290 Sq Ft 13.55 acres







 In 2017, PG&E was sentenced to complete 10,000 hours of community service as a condition of their probation

- At present, approximately three quarters of the court-mandated hours have been completed, some in San Bruno, but a significant portion within communities elsewhere in San Mateo County
- Discussions and agreement with PG&E for a community benefit project for wildfire mitigation in the Canyon by refocusing the remaining approximately 2,670 community service hours (subject to Court approval)

### Request to District Judge William Alsup



- Consider modification of probation order for the funding of a community benefit project, Crestmoor Canyon Wildfire Mitigation Project
  - One-time \$3 million payment from PG&E to initiate the Project
  - City to undertake the work through the use of contractors and City personnel

### Additional Details

- The City should develop a detailed schedule, scope of work, cost estimates, and budget
- **If approved**, \$3 million should be spent only on vegetation management and fire mitigation to directly benefit San Bruno residents, and not on consultants or any regulatory approvals needed for the project
- Allocate City resources for the project, and not seek any additional funding through the court for the Project
- Hearing scheduled for November 12, 2019

## Action by City Council



Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Crestmoor Canyon Wildfire Mitigation Project in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Capital Improvement Budget and Appropriating \$125,000 from the Emergency Disaster Reserve Fund to Initiate Project Planning and Environmental Clearance Processes

# Questions



